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Solar industry alliance formed to support Environmental Portfolio Standard for Arizona

Forty five local and national firms today announced they have formed the Arizona Clean Energy Industries Alliance and are formally participating in the Arizona Corporation Commission process to develop an environmental portfolio standard as part of Arizona's electricity restructuring. If approved the portfolio standard will create an estimated 200 megawatt market for primarily solar energy based systems by the year 2005—a market comparable to the total output of today's industry.

J. Michael Davis, Chief Executive Officer of the newly formed Kyocera Solar Inc. located in Scottsdale Arizona, also President of the national Solar Energy Industries Association and a member of the Alliance stated that "The size and certainty of the market created by the portfolio standard will draw important attention from the financial and investment community. It places Arizona squarely in the leadership role of preparing this country to meet its future energy requirements in an environmentally sustainable manner. I estimate that over 700 new jobs will be created by the portfolio's fifth year adding \$850 million to the Arizona economy."

“The portfolio standard forms a public-private partnership and has an excellent chance for success” said Robert Annan, spokesman for the Alliance. “First, it is the next logical step in Arizona’s ongoing commitment to solar and renewable energy . Its market-oriented approach encourages Energy Service Providers and Distribution and Sales Companies to develop innovative strategies to attract customers and minimize costs, using the incentives built into the standard. Finally, the standard enhances the whole restructuring process by introducing values compatible with green choice programs and by diversifying resources and reducing the demand on old expensive peaking plants.”

According to Arizona Solar Energy Association Executive Director, Michael Neary, “The firms in the Alliance are active in manufacturing, installing and marketing photovoltaic, solar thermal and other solar and renewable energy products and services.” He stressed that Arizona’s favorable business climate, abundant sunshine and proximity to Latin American markets create vast opportunities for solar related industries to locate and expand their operations in the state.

The forty five firms comprising the Arizona Clean Energy Industries Alliance who are represented in the Corporation Commission Portfolio process by Martinez and Curtis include:

Arizona: Arizona Solar Attic Systems, Conservative Energy Systems, Inc, Deluge Inc., Desert Sun Solar Inc, Diversified Technical Services Inc., ElectriSol, Ltd., Energy Photovoltaics, Inc., ETA Engineering, First Solar, General Solar, Heliocol Arizona, Inc., Janus II Architects and Planners, Kyocera Solar Inc., North Canyon Construction, Pacific West Solar, Photovoltaic Systems Manufacturing, L. L. C., Photovoltaic Resources international Inc., Power and Performance Solutions Inc., Progressive Solar Inc., Stirling Energy Systems, Sun Earth, Inc., Sunbeam Solutions, SolarBuilt, L. L. C., Solar Wholesale, Southwest Windpower, Sun Systems Inc., SunLite Works, Inc., SunPower of Arizona, The Solar Store.

California: Bechtel, Photovoltaics International, Science Applications International Co, Siemens Solar,

Colorado: Industrial Solar Technology

Maryland: BP Solarex

Massachusetts: Applied Power Corp., ASE Americas, Spire

Michigan: ECD, United Solar

New Jersey: Energy Photovoltaics, York Research Corp.

New Mexico: Energia

Texas: Entech

Washington: Trace Engineering

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